

Friday, December 4, 2020

Happy Friday Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

### **Here are some updates:**

#### **Important Toronto Public Health Update**

Toronto Public Health has **modified the student screening tool** to include an additional question regarding siblings showing symptoms. The following changes will take effect on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- **If the student is symptomatic, their household siblings must isolate as well.**
- **If the student has symptoms and has an alternative diagnosis, siblings do not need to self-isolate.**
- **If the student has symptoms and tests negative for COVID-19, siblings can return to school.**

Please see the attached file for the new screening tool and the steps to follow for parents when your child is showing any of the indicated symptoms.

#### **Spirit Days**

Our Sports day is going well with each class participating in fun activities within their classrooms!! Big thanks to Ms. Weiss' class for another successful spirit day!!

We are very excited about **Crazy Hair Day- Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**



#### **Outdoor Learning**

The Outdoor Classroom is an exciting place for learning in a Kindergarten classroom. The students use all 5 senses to explore the environment around them. This week, Ms. DeClute's kindergarten students used coloured water in squeeze bottles to mix and create in the snow and ice.



### **Grade 3 Universal Screening Process**

As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic and staggered entry to school, the annual TDSB's Universal Screening Process using the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test 7 (CCAT 7) for Grade 3 students was delayed. This test provides information to classroom teachers about the strengths and learning needs of each student in order to better support teachers with programming. The CCAT 7, which typically has been administered in October, will now be administered on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** by Ms. London and Ms. Rowan. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the grade 3 Universal Screening Process, please feel free to connect with us.

### **Student Verification Forms**

This week, we sent home hard copies of **student verification forms**. It contains important information about your child. Please take the time to check through it carefully, **make any necessary corrections and send it back to the teacher**. We are going through each student's profile to ensure we have the most updated information to keep your child safe in the school. If you need support in completing them, please contact the school office.

### **W20 Virtual Ward Form**

Trustee Manna Wong will be holding a **Virtual Ward Forum** on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. The attached flyer contains details of the event.

### **Transitions Dates (Virtual/In-School Learning)**

To maintain stability in our schools, the next opportunity for elementary students to switch between in-person and virtual learning will be in January. Students will no longer be able to switch in November.

<b>Opportunity to Change</b>	<b>Deadline for Requesting a Change</b>	<b>Dates the Change of Class Would Take Effect</b>
Following the First Report Card	January 29th	February 16 <sup>th</sup> (day after the Family Day holiday)

**Please call the school to request a change before the deadline.**

**Thank you and have a great weekend☺**

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